

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
MONROE DIVISION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as
Secretary of the United States Department of
Health and Human Services *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:21-cv-03970

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

Defendants respectfully move the Court for a stay of further proceedings in this matter while the issues in this case are considered by the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit. The basis for Defendants' motion is set forth in the attached Memorandum. A proposed Order is also attached. Undersigned counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs, who indicated that Plaintiffs oppose Defendants' motion.

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